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SUBJECT: PORT SEDAR (CAYAR) UPDATE

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PQM CAYAR PROJECT, NOW RENAMED PORT SEDAR, CURRENTLY AT STANDSTILL, WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGALESE AND IRANIANS AT LOWEST LEVEL SINCE INCEPTION OF PROJECT. GOS HAS BEEN SEARCHING UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR MASSIVE FUNDS NEEDED FOR PORT-ROADS-RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE. IBRD MISSION WHICH VISITED SITE DURING JULY WAS UNENTHUSIASTIC. GOS RESENTS ATTEMPT BY GOI TO BACK OUT OF COMMITMENTS, WHILE IRANIANS, EXPERIENCING THEIR OWN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, ARE OPENLY SKEPTICAL OF ABILITY OF SENEGALESE TO CARRY OUT THEIR PART OF AGREEMENT. IRASENCO BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON SEPT 17 MAY COOL TEMPERA SOMEWHAT BUT IS NOT LIKELY TO ADVANCE PROJECT UNLESS IRANIANS COME UP WITH FUNDS.

2. WITH REGARD TO C.T. MAIN'S INTEREST IN POWER PLANT, EMBASSY BELIEVES BEST STRATEGY WOULD BE TO TEAM UP WITH EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER (G.E. HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST). COST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF \$200,000 STUDY COULD EASILY BE INCORPORATED INTO

\$40 MILLION EQUIPMENT PACKAGE, WHEREAS GOS WILL NOT
FINANCE STUDY ON ITS OWN. EUROPEAN FIRMS USUALLY OPERATE
THIS WAY, RECOVERING COST OF "FREE" STUDIES FROM
EQUIPMENT SALE. CONTRACT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED FOR
POWER PLANT BUT WILL BE SOON IF U.S. PROPOSAL NOT
RECEIVED. SUGGEST STRONGLY GE, C.T. MAIN OR OTHER
INTERESTED FIRMS PREPARE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS ASAP.
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